

DESCRIPTION OF A NEW SPECIES OF HONEY-EATER FROM S. E. COAST
OF NEW GUINEA.

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PLECTORHYNCHA (?) FULVIVENTRIS, *sp. nov.*

Total length about 8 inches, wing 3·8, tail 3·2, bill from forehead 0·95, from nostril 0·5, from gape 1 inch. The fifth and sixth quill nearly equal and longest, tail of 12 feathers. The whole of the upper and under surface of a dull brown washed with olive, browner on the rump and upper tail coverts; very faintly tinged with olive-yellow on the outer webs of the wing feathers; on the head and back of the neck the olive-yellow is more defined; the throat slightly fulvous, the breast, under wing-coverts, abdomen and under tail-coverts, more decidedly fulvous, inner webs of the wing feathers fulvous, the other portions of the wings and tail dull light brown; legs flesh-colour; bill light straw-colour, dark brown along the culmen. The third primary is slightly shorter than the fourth; the fifth and sixth quill equal and longest, the fourth very slightly shorter than the fifth; the tail not quite so even as in *Plectorhyncha lanceolata*, (Gould).

Hab. Mountain ranges of South East Coast of New Guinea.

The tongue having been removed from the only specimen, it is difficult to determine the Family of this species, for the present I prefer to keep it under the genus *Plectorhyncha* of Gould, in the Meliphagidæ.

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ASTUR VERSICOLOR, *sp. nov.*

Adult female.—Total length 17 inches, wing 9·75; tail 8 in.; tarsus 2·8; mid. toe (*s.u.*) 1·75, hind toe (*s.u.*) 0·95; bill from